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## NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: Two steamships have sailed, both for New Orleans, the *Sunnioa*, carrying 7 passengers with 8 pieces of disinfected baggage; the *Jno. Wilson*, 2 passengers and 5 pieces of disinfected baggage. Copies of certificates given to masters of said ships and to each passenger are inclosed herewith. In the town 1 death has been reported, a native female adult, of cancer. A more extensive inspection of the port and the immediate vicinity permits me to report the sanitary condition good.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: Three ships have been inspected, all bound to New Orleans. On the 22d the steamship *Hiram*, with 2 passengers and 5 pieces of baggage; on the 25th the steamship *Alabama*, with 5 passengers and 5 pieces of baggage, and on the 28th the steamship *Suddal*, with no passengers. All baggage was disinfected. Three deaths have been reported this week, 1 male adult, native, of malarial fever; 1 female infant, native, of enteritis; 1 male adult, native, of gunshot wound. The sanitary condition of Bluefields and vicinity is very good considering the intensely hot and dry season we are now undergoing.

Respectfully,

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## PARAGUAY.

*End of plague.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 28, 1900.*

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of State I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a report concerning bubonic plague in Paraguay, transmitted by the consul of the United States at Asuncion, in his dispatch dated March 9, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,

*Third Assistant Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

My report for the month of February, 1900, I have delayed somewhat to observe the course of the pest, awaiting an official declaration of its nonexistence in Paraguay. For more than twenty days there has not occurred a single case of the bubonic plague in the entire Republic. The products of Paraguay have been completely barred from entrance into the ports of the Argentine Republic, which country has taken very rigid quarantine measures against all proceedings from Paraguay. On this account the commerce has suffered most severely here. Even for four weeks we had no mail here. The first vessel to bring the mail brought 116 bags. We seemed cut off from the outside world completely. On February 20 the sanitary instructions were from the Argentine Republic that yerba mate, tobacco, and dry skins or hides should undergo a disinfection of